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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6329**  
Hiroyuki KANDA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0586A  
Serial No. 10/824,344 : Group Art Unit 1709  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1709**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975